(b) if so, the reasons for this gross neglect which might have resulted in theft and piferage of such important historical pieces; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard and interpret these artefacts to enrich historical records?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the significant sculptural and architectural fragments, which were found, during debris clearance in connection with conservation at the Qutab Heritage Complex, are kept in the Sub-Circle office in the Qutab area and seven selected artefacts out of those were shifted to Purana Qila in 1998 for display in the archaeological museum.

(c) The sculptural and architectural fragments have already been studied in detail and regular watch-and-ward is in place to safeguard the objects.

Low credit offtake by industry

*17. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the low interest rate regime, the credit offtake from banks by industry continues to be sluggish; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bank Credit to industry (large, medium and small) has grown from Rs. 2,29,523 crores as on 22nd March 2002 to Rs. 2,60,821 crores as on 21st March, 2003 registering an increase of 13.6% during the period. The credit further increased to Rs. 2,78,408 crores as on 22nd August, 2003 (latest available) registering an increase of 6.7% over a period of five months.

Inquiry report on helicopter accident

*18. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inquiry Commission on the helicopter accident set up by government in August, 2003 to enquire into safety and security of lives in offshore operation especially air logistics and inspection, mechanism, has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by it; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Retrieval of articles belonging to Sikh Gurus

*19. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that articles belonging to Guru Nanak Dev and Guru Gobind Singh have been allegedly shifted to Canada; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to bring them back from Canada for preservation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Government have no information on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

Lack of activity in primary issues

*20. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bullish upward movement in the secondary market in the stock exchanges during the last six months in the secondary sector is not commensurate with the number of primary issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the relative lack of activity in primary issues which indicate domestic investment can be construed as reason for a 'feel good factor' of the economy?